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## Foreword

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It gives me great pleasure to compile this Special Issue of *ScienceAsia* on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Science Society of Thailand. Established in 1948, the Science Society of Thailand is becoming 70 years old this year (2018), akin to a senior professional CEO with substantial experience. Looking from the enormous past and present activities that the society has initiated, we all have to admire the past Presidents and the past Society committee members for their arduous work in creating this strong and valuable society for Thai science. Indeed, we can even notice how the society builds new generations and see new faces of young scientists joining the society committee every two years.

I have to sincerely thank all the invited authors who are Outstanding Scientists or just about to be named Outstanding Scientists for their great contributions to this Special Issue of *ScienceAsia*. The issue is truly a Special Issue because it is not a regular issue of the journal and all the articles invited are written by renowned scientists in Thailand to share their views on the society, present, and to discuss the forefront on-going research areas. I would like to thank the Science Society of Thailand under the Patronage of His Majesty the King for providing support and encouragement for the publication of this Special Issue. I do hope that the readers will enjoy reading this Special Issue.

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